

## **BUILDING SAFETY TOP 20 FAQs'**

### **Q1. How do I apply for a Building Permit for:**

- a. Room Addition
- b. ADU
- c. Swimming Pool
- d. Patio Cover
- e. Restoration of a Grow House

*A: Complete a building permit application from our website: [www.eastvaleca.gov](http://www.eastvaleca.gov), government, building safety, forms and standard plans. Prepare 4 sets of scaled, complete plans, with structural calculations and product manufacturer's specifications (where applicable).*

### **Q2. Can I get an over the counter permit?**

*A: Yes. Water Heaters, and HVAC are generally reviewed and issued over the counter provided that there are no special design requirements or circumstances to the application.*

### **Q3. What are your public counter hours of operation?**

*A: Due to the effects of COVID-19, the City Public Counter is providing limited walk-in hours of 8am -12pm with scheduled appointments only from 1pm - 5pm Monday through Thursday. City Hall is closed every Friday.*

### **Q4. What are the allowable construction hours?**

*A: Any construction within the city located within one-fourth of a mile from an occupied residence shall be permitted Monday through Saturday, except nationally recognized holidays, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There shall be no construction permitted on Sunday or nationally recognized holidays unless approval is obtained from the city building official or city engineer.*

### **Q5. Can I submit online?**

*A: Yes. Building applications for Solar and Swimming Pool applications can be submitted online at [permits@eastvaleca.gov](mailto:permits@eastvaleca.gov). Although walk-ins are encouraged because permit fees must be paid by check at the public counter.*

### **Q6. Can I mail in my plans, application, and check for a building permit?**

*A: Not at this time. But it may be considered in the near future. Please check our website for updates.*

**Q7. What is my plancheck application status?**

*A: Please email your inquiry to [permits@eastvaleca.gov](mailto:permits@eastvaleca.gov) and someone from our staff will respond within 48 hrs. of your request.*

**Q8. How much will my permit cost?**

*A: Please refer to our City Website for our Permit Fee Schedule. If you don't find your particular type of project, please contact our Division at (951) 703-4450 for project fee evaluation.*

**Q9. How long is a permit good for?**

*A: All permits issued before January 1, 2020 are valid for 180 from the date of issuance or 180 days from the date of the last approved building inspection. All residential permits issued after January 1, 2020 are valid for 180 days from the date of issuance or from the last approved building inspection. All NON-residential (commercial) permits issued after January 1, 2020 are valid for 1 year from the date of issuance or from the last approved building inspection.*

**Q10. Can I pay online?**

*A: Not at this time, however we are current developing a system where it will be possible through our Accela permitting system. Please check our website periodically for updates.*

**Q11. What requires a permit?**

*A: Permits are required as specified in the City of Eastvale Municipal Code Section 110.05.010 and 2019 California Residential Code Section R105. See also Section R105.2 for exemptions.*

**Q12. Can an agent obtain a special inspection permit for a grow house on behalf of the property owner?**

*A: Yes, he/she must submit a notarized letter of authorization signed by the legal property owner. Provide copies of legal identification of property owner and agent, and proof of legal ownership of subject property by property owner signing the authorization letter.*

**Q13. What are the minimum setbacks to the property line?**

*A: The City of Eastvale Municipal Code and 2019 California Building Code requires a minimum setback of 5' from structure projects (eaves, etc.) to the property line for combustible materials and a minimum of 1 hour rated construction for walls and projections and a maximum wall opening of 25% of the total wall area facing the property line between 3'-5' from the property line. Applicant must also contact the City Planning Division at (951) 703-4460 for additional setback requirements (where applicable).*

**Q14. Do you offer expedited plan review?**

*A: Not at this time. But check our website periodically for updates.*

**Q15. Can the homeowner do the construction work?**

*A: Yes. The legal property can apply as an 'Owner Builder' and will sign a declaration as such.*

**Q16. How do I schedule a building inspection?**

*A: All inspection request are accepted via email. You will email your request to [inspections@eastvaleca.gov](mailto:inspections@eastvaleca.gov)*

**Q17. What are the Pool Barrier requirements?**

*A: Please see Appendix V of the 2019 California Residential Code (CRC) which also references the California Health and Safety Code Sections 18942(b), 115921, AB 3305.*

*You can view the 2019 California Building Code by visiting [www.bsc.ca.gov/codes.aspx](http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes.aspx).*

**Q18. Does a property line fence require a permit?**

*A: A fence, be it on the property line or otherwise is exempt from the requirements of a building permit provided that it 7' or less in height (measured from the bottom of the footing to the finished height) and it is not retaining earth or supporting a surcharge per the City of Eastvale Municipal Code Section 110.05.010 and 2019 California Residential Code Section R105.2. You will also check-in with the Planning Division at (951) 703-4460 for Planning requirements (where applicable).*

**Q19. How do I file a complaint?**

*A: Municipal and building Code related complaints are handled through our Community Enhancement Team. And they are happy to accept and review complaints/concerns through our mobile app by downloading- My Eastvale app*

**Q20. My house was posted with a yellow tag, what do I do next?**

*A: The yellow means that your house has a violation(s) which render it contrary to the definition of 'habitable space' per the City of Eastvale Municipal Code Section 110.05.010 and 2019 California Residential Code Section R202. Your first step will be to email your inquiry to [code\\_complaint@eastvaleca.gov](mailto:code_complaint@eastvaleca.gov) and contact the Building Safety Division at (951) 703-4450 to inquire about what type of permit(s) will be required to restore the structure to a legal habitable space.*